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SUBJECT: PRE-31ST UNGA CONSULTATIONS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: IN ADDITION TO CONSULTATIONS ON SPECIFIC UNGA ISSUES REPORTED SEPTELS, CHARGE HAD LENGTHY AND GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON WITH FONOFF DIRECTOR OF CABINET NOUAMA SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM COLOMBO NAM SUMMIT. INDICATIONS ARE THAT IVORY COAST WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELPFUL AND FORTHCOMING ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO U.S. GOIC WAS HEARTENED BY NUMBER OF OTHER NONALIGNED AT COLOMBO WHO EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON CONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTIONS PUSHED THROUGH BY RADICALS, AND BELIEVES THAT THIS IMPETUS CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO UNGA. ON ISSUES WITH LITTLE OR NO RELEVANCE TO IVORY COAST, GOIC DELEGATION CAN BE EXPECTED TO VOTE FOR COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS WHERE AVAILABLE. END SUMMARY.

1. ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO US. NOUAMA EXPRESSED PLEASURE AND RELIEF THAT KOREA AND PUERTO RICO WOULD NOT BE DEBATED IN UNGA THIS YEAR. CHARGE EXPRESSED THANKS FOR IVORIAN SUPPORT AT UN AND FOR IVORIAN RESERVATIONS ON  
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RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THESE ISSUES AT COLOMBO. REGARDING

MIDDLE EAST, IVORY COAST HAS CONSISTENTLY VOTED AGAINST EFFORTS TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UNGA. NOUAMA NOTED THAT GOIC DELEGATION AT COLOMBO HAD EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON RESOLUTION FOR OIL EMBARGO AGAINST FRANCE AND ISRAEL. CHARGE DID NOT PRESS FOR GOIC COMMITMENT, BUT EMBASSY HAS NO DOUBT THAT IVORY COAST WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELPFUL ON THIS ISSUE. EMBASSY HAS NOT DISCUSSED PANAMA CANAL WITH GOIC.

2. OTHER ISSUES.

A) SOUTHERN AFRICA. GOIC SUPPORTS U.S. EFFORTS TO RESOLVE RHODESIAN AND NAMIBIAN ISSUES. EXACT POSITION WILL DEPEND ON FINAL OUTCOME OF SECRETARY'S INITIATIVES.

B) ZIONISM/RACISM. NOUAMA NOTED THAT GOIC HAD EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON ZIONISM/RACISM RESOLUTION AT COLOMBO AND SAID INSTRUCTIONS TO UN DELEGATION WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THIS POSITION. GOIC VOTED AGAINST RESOLUTION IN LAST GA.

C) CYPRUS. CHARGE MENTIONED CYPRUS ISSUE IN PASSING. NOUAMA AND GOIC IN GENERAL ARE NOT WELL INFORMED ON DETAILS THIS PROBLEM, BUT WILL CERTAINLY ENCOURAGE "LOW KEY DEBATE".

D) WESTERN SHARA. NOUAMA VOLUNTEERED THAT FINAL STATEMENT AT COLOMBO SUMMIT HAD BEEN IN PART DRAFTED BY IVORIAN DELEGATION. GOIC WILL CERTAINLY SUPPORT EFFORTS TO RESOLVE DISPUTE PEACEFULLY.

E) UNRWA FINANCING. EMBASSY HAS NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH GOIC.

F) IOPZ. IVORY COAST HAS LITTLE DIRECT INTEREST IN INDIAN OCEAN AND WOULD LIKELY ABSTAIN ON ANY CONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION, AND ENCOURAGE RESTRAINT ALL PARTIES.

G) HUMAN RIGHTS. EMBASSY HAS NOT DISCUSSED IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION WITH IVORY COAST

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OFFICIALS. IVORY COAST RECORD IN THIS AREA IS EXTREMELY GOOD AND GOIC DELEGATION WOULD WELCOME CONSULTATION WITH USUN.

H) INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. IVORY COAST SHARES U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. EMBASSY HAS MTT DISCUSSED FRG'S PROPOSALS.

I) DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. EMBASSY HAS NOT RAISED THIS SUBJECT WITH GOIC. IN ANY SUCH CONFERENCE GOIC WOULD KEEP A VERY LOW PROFILE.

J) UNCTAD IV. EMBASSY HAS NOT DISCUSSED COMMODITIES WITH FONOFF. HOWEVER, IN CONVERSATIONS WITH AGRICULTURE MINISTER SAWADOGO (ABIDJAN 8242) HE STRONGLY SUPPORTED U.S. PREFERENCE FOR CONSULTATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES IN EXISTING SPECIALIZED BODIES.

K) UN BUDGET, RESTRUCTURING, AND EVALUATION MECHANISMS. EMBASSY HAS NOT RAISED THESE SUBJECTS WITH GOIC. AS WE HAVE REPORTED ELSEWHERE, ABIDJAN OFFICIALS ARE GENERALLY NOT WELL BRIEFED ON INTERNAL UN MECHANISMS. IN PRESSING U.S. POINT OF VIEW ON THESE MATTERS IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE WHERE POSSIBLE TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH IVORIAN UN AMBASSADOR SIMEON AKE OR MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION.

3. NOUAMA RECALLED THAT SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS AT COLOMBO HAD BEEN APPOSED BY NOISY RADICAL MAJORITIES, IN SOME INSTANCES AFTER CONFERENCE HAD ENDED. NEVERTHELESS, MANY MODERATES HAD REFUSED TO BE BULLIED AND INSISTED ON REGISTERING RESERVATIONS. THIS AUGURED WELL FOR MODERATE POSITIONS AT UNGA. FURTHER MURDERS OF U.S. PERSONNEL NEAR PANMUNJON, WHICH NOUAMA CALLED REVOLTING, MAY HAVE DISENCHANGED SOME COUNTRIES WITH RADICAL POSITIONS NOT ONLY ON KOREA BUT ON OTHER ISSUES AS WELL. EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION IS THAT IVORY COAST HOPES AND EXPECTS 31ST UNGA WILL BE LESS CONTROVERSIAL THAN 30TH, AND WILL WORK WITH USUN TOWARD THIS END. COOKE

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